

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## **Summary of Klamath Project February 2013 Operations**

The elevation of Upper Klamath Lake (UKL) increased from 4,140.44 feet on January 31<sup>st</sup> to 4141.27 on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The February 28, 2013 UKL elevation is 0.37 feet lower than the elevation for February 28, 2012 (4,141.64). Total net inflows to UKL for February were 82.13 Thousand Acre Feet (TAF), which is 58% of the Natural Resource Conservation Service average of 141 TAF for the month.

Releases from Link River Dam averaged 345 cfs during the month. The average Iron Gate flow for February was 1,069 cfs. Consistent with the Variable Base Flow Procedure (VBF), no specific VBF releases were made downstream of Iron Gate Dam during February since the UKL elevation did not exceed the threshold of 4,142.6 feet during the month.

No flow variability releases were made from Iron Gate Dam during February, since there were no triggering storms consistent with the Flow Variability Program as described in the National Marine Fisheries Service 2010 Biological Opinion on Klamath Project Operations.

Reclamation is dedicated to managing, developing, and protecting water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Reclamation, and Klamath Project stakeholders are working together to manage available water to provide benefits to basin irrigators while protecting Endangered Species Act-listed fish.